

Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body

Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE – Governor's Forest Health Council

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

**February 14, 2008
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 W. Carefree Highway
Phoenix, AZ 85086
602-942-3000
Meeting Room: Eagle Room**

Meeting Objective: To discuss Northern Arizona Regional Supply Analysis, discuss bio-energy utilization opportunities, review progress on the Statewide Strategy Restoration Scorecard, and review progress on other ongoing efforts described in the FHC 2008 work plan.

- 1) Call to order
In attendance: E. Aumack, D. Vosick, L. Faeth, R. Davis, Steve Rosenstock for J. Avey, N. Dodd, P. Summerfelt for Mayor Donaldson, D. Falk, S. Gatewood, K. Morey for Heather Garbarino, L. Stephenson for M. Herrington, T. Klabunde, J. Metzger, M. Neal, M. Pitts, E. Rosenberg (by phone), K. Rowdabaugh, T. Schulke, R. Smith, R. Williams
- 2) Approval of the Minutes from January 10, 2008 **Approved**
- 3) Council changes
Molly Pitts agreed to serve as Co-chair since Diane Vosick is resigning to take a job in Oregon. This was the first meeting for Ron Williams representing insurance interests.
- 4) Presentation and discussion: Northern Arizona Regional Supply Analysis ~ Haydee Hampton, Northern Arizona University
Haydee Hampton presented a power point presentation summarizing the results of the Wood Supply Analysis. She also distributed an executive summary of their results. The goals of this work, as described by a letter from Harv Forsgren, are to: inform the design and location of stewardship contracts; inform local discussions; and identify areas of agreement. Region 3 also clarified that they intend to configure wood availability to support existing businesses as well as proposed businesses. The point was made that it is too bad that the study did not prioritize areas for harvest; however, due to time constraints this exercise was impossible. ForestERA has submitted a proposal to the Joint Fire Science Program to use this work as the basis for an analysis that forecasts the longevity of treatments.
- 5) Presentation and discussion: Proposed bio-energy plants throughout the Southwest utilizing biomass ~ Herb Hopper, Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D.
Herb Hopper summarized issues related to harvest and the 33% of residue that is left in the forest. For Dwayne Walker to achieve the economic goals of the White Mountain Stewardship Project he needs to receive \$40/ton for material. The residue that is currently left on site presents an opportunity to increase the return on treatments if a market for it can be developed. Herb is working with Community Renewable Energy Resources LLC to promote the location of a Gasification Facility in Eager, Arizona. This process will use woody-biomass greenwaste to produce marketable bio-fuels, electricity and heat. Herb stated that in a full energy accounting analysis there is a net gain of energy with gasification. It does not consume water and does not require tax subsidies to survive.
Action: Herb asked, and Ethan agreed, that this will regularly appear on the agenda and Steve Gatewood who is also involved in promoting gasification options will provide updates. Jack Metzger suggested that at some point the Council may want to take a position on this.
- 6) Update and discussion: Statewide Strategy Restoration Scorecard ~ Glen Buettner and Ethan Aumack

Glen Buettner reported that the Scorecard subcommittee has held a couple of conference calls to identify scorecard metrics. It is a work in progress and he hopes that a document will be ready for review by April. He also passed out two maps depicting where CWPPs have been completed or are in progress and communities that have adopted WUI codes.

- 7) Update on Wildlife and Restoration Principles ~ Steve Rosenstock, Arizona Game and Fish Dep.
Steve Rosenstock updated the Council on the framework the AZGF in cooperation with the Council will use to develop wildlife principles. The plan is to take the ecological principles developed by the Advisory Council in 2003 and incorporate wildlife considerations. Todd Schulke and Steve Gatewood are representing the Council on this. The goal is to a draft for review in April.
- 8) Review Forest Health Council 2008 work plan and calendar ~ Diane Vosick and Ethan Aumack
Ethan Aumack reviewed progress on the time line and implementation actions identified for the Statewide Strategy.
Action: Norris Dodd will share his draft letter to the Congressional delegation. Diane Vosick will edit it and get it back to the group working on Congressional funding. Kirk Rowdabaugh will send the letters developed by the WGA and NASF to the Council so we can see what others are saying.
Action: Larry Stephenson is working on getting a meeting with the County Supervisors to discuss the Statewide Strategy
Action: Steve Gatewood hopes to propose an agenda for discussion of pinyon-juniper restoration and utilization at the March meeting. Ann Bradley from The Nature Conservancy is willing to talk to the group on PJ.
- 9) Meeting schedule and locations
a. March 13, 2007, County Supervisors Association Building
i. Meeting with USFS Region 3 Forester and staff
There was a brief discussion about the agenda for the March meeting. Corbin Newman the new Region Three Forester will meet with the Council. A question and answer format was proposed. Additional agenda items that were proposed include discussion of the scorecard and a Strategy communication plan.
- 10) Call to the Public
No comments from the public
The Council had a reception to recognize Diane Vosick. It was very nice!

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as results of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further considerations and decisions at a later date.

*Dated this February 11, 2008
Governor's Forest Health Council
<http://www.governor.state.az.us/FHC/>*

CO-CHAIRS

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